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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application No.	09/675,259
Filing Date	September 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	Thomas G. Ruttan
Art Unit	2839 ✓
Examiner Name	Jean F. Duverne
Attorney Docket Number	42390P9486

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Other Return Receipt Postcard

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other: (\$00)
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Paul A. Mendonsa	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,879
Signature	<i>Paul A. Mendonsa</i>	Date	October 16, 2003

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  
**October 16, 2003**

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